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### Course Descriptions

**SOC*6070 Sociological Theory (Fall Only 0.50)**
Classical and contemporary theoretical perspectives and their interrelationships. A central concern will be to develop the student’s ability to assess theory critically and to understand how theory and research relate to each other.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology and CCJP students.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6130 Quantitative Research Methods (Winter Only 0.50)**
The application of multiple regression to data generated by non-experimental research, e.g., survey data and data from other sources (census, archival). In large part a course in theory construction, a thorough grounding in the mechanics and statistical assumptions of multiple regression is followed by its application to the construction of structural equation (or causal) models representing substantive theories in sociology and related disciplines.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology students.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6140 Qualitative Research Methods (Fall Only 0.50)**
An examination of the methods of qualitative research, including participant observation and unstructured interviews, as well as the ethical considerations of fieldwork. Other topics, such as comparative and historical methods, may be included.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology students.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6200 Advanced Issues in Mixed Research Methodologies (Winter Only 0.50)**
This course will examine the foundations and a range of approaches used in mixed methods sociological research. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of how using a mixed methods research approach in sociological research can enhance scholarly rigour in a theoretically informed research project.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology PhD student.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6270 Diversity and Social Equality (Unspecified 0.50)**
This course will examine a range of approaches used in the study of intergroup relations, with special emphasis on struggles over influence and power. Students will acquire a deeper understanding of the complex intersection, as well as the overlap among forms of identity and group mobilization based on ethnic, linguistic, regional, class, gender, racial and other forms of social division. The course may also cover native issues and policies related to multiculturalism, equity and local or regional autonomy.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6350 Society, Crime and Control (Unspecified 0.50)**
This seminar course surveys classical theoretical perspectives and more recent theoretical developments in the sociology of crime. It will examine the assumptions and logical structure of each perspective and justifications of particular criminal justice/public policy responses. The course will also critically assess recent empirical research relevant to each perspective.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology students.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6400 Special Topics in Sociology (Unspecified 0.50)**
Special topics in sociology will critically examine and evaluate contemporary issues/debates in sociology by looking at contemporary research and the associated theoretical and methodological frameworks/perspectives. Course content is unique in each offering.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6420 Environment, Food, and Communities (Unspecified 0.50)**
This course reflects sociological and anthropological interests in understanding societal-ecological interactions. The specific focus may include environmental/natural resources/food systems and/or environmental justice/community sustainability. Students are encouraged to draw on established methodologies in the field, including ethnographic, comparative and historical approaches. Attention is given to the ways that structure/power/culture and class/race/ethnicity play out in at least one of the substantive topics comprising this field. This course is offered in conjunction with ANTH*6420.

**Restriction(s):** Credit may be obtained for only one of SOC*6420 or ANTH*6420.
**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6460 Gender and Development (Fall Only 0.50)**
Cross-cultural and historical changes in gender relations and the roles/positions of women brought about by industrialization and the development of the world system. Critical examination of the predominant theories of gender relations, in so far as these inform development research and action in societies with different socio-economic systems. Introduction to the latest theories and research in the area of women and development, as well as with social and political actions undertaken by women themselves. This is one of the two alternative core courses for the collaborative International Development Studies program.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6480 Work, Gender and Change in a Global Context (Unspecified 0.50)**
This course will consider some of the theoretical frameworks available for examining work, workers and work places in the context of globalization, economic restructuring, and shifts in public policy. Using case studies of particular work worlds, the course may include topics such as changing patterns of work and employment in comparative contexts, labour regimes, industrial and organizational change, organizations and protest, education for work, and the regulation of work. The course will focus on the dialectical relationship between the configurations of gender, class, race and ethnicity and the transformation of work.

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**Location(s):** Guelph
**SOC*6520 Social Movements and Collective Action Fall Only [0.50]**
Students will critically review the major theoretical perspectives on social movements and collective action, and consider their relevance in understanding the emergence, tactics, composition and impact of movements in a variety of national contexts. The specific movements to be examined via empirical scholarship will vary each year, but readings will represent several main kinds of collective demands ranging from the redress of oppression of particular groups, to struggles to sustain and enhance societal and human welfare.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6550 Selected Topics in Theory and Research Unspecified [0.50]**
This course will be offered with varying content focusing on theory or research.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6600 Reading Course Unspecified [0.50]**
A program of directed reading, complemented with the writing of papers or participation in research. Reading courses are arranged by students through their advisors or advisory committees and must be approved by the chair of the department. This course may be repeated provided different content is involved.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6660 Major Paper Unspecified [1.00]**
The major paper is an extensive research paper for those who do not elect to complete a thesis. It may be taken over two semesters.

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**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6700 Pro-seminar Fall and Winter Reg Required [0.00]**
The pro-seminar concerns matters involved in graduate studies and later work as a professional sociologist, including how to form a graduate advisory committee, assistantship responsibilities, presentation skills, exploration of careers in sociology, writing grant proposals, reports and articles, and teaching. Offered in conjunction with ANTH*6700.

**Restriction(s):** Credit may be obtained for only one of SOC*6700 or ANTH*6700. Restricted to Sociology MA students.

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6750 PhD Professional Seminar Fall and Winter Reg Required [0.50]**
This professional seminar provides PhD students in Sociology opportunities to develop professional skills; develop and foster an intellectual culture; facilitate cohort building, mentoring and provide peer support; and contribute to the intergenerational transmission of knowledge.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology PhD students.

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6800 Advanced Topics in Sociological Theory Fall Only [0.50]**
This course focuses on close readings of, and critical engagement with, select classical and contemporary sociological theories. Students will develop advanced understandings of the philosophical underpinnings of different theoretical approaches and of the ontological and epistemological assumptions of sociological inquiry more generally.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology PhD students.

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6810 Reading Course Unspecified [0.50]**
A program of supervised independent reading, complemented with the writing of papers or participation in research. Reading courses are arranged by students in consultation with their advisor or advisory committee and must be approved by the chair of the department.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology PhD students.

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
**Location(s):** Guelph

**SOC*6820 Directed Readings Unspecified [0.50]**
A program of directed readings related to the student's field of specialization. The nature and content of the course are agreed upon by the student and instructor in consultation with the student's advisor or advisory committee. The course must be approved by the chair of the department.

**Restriction(s):** Restricted to Sociology PhD students.

**Department(s):** Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
**Location(s):** Guelph